



May 18, 2009

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: WTB Docket No. 02-378, Region 13 - 700 MHz Regional Plan  
DA 09-1074 – Request for Public Comments

Dear Madam Secretary:

The emergency communications infrastructure for the first responders operating within Peoria County, Illinois is provided by the Emergency Telephone System Board ("ETSB"). As Chairman of the Peoria ETSB, we welcome the opportunity provided by DA 09-1074 to comment on the Plan<sup>1</sup> for the use of 700 MHz spectrum submitted to the Commission by Regional Planning Committee Thirteen ("Region 13") pursuant to Dockets PS 06-229 and WT 02-378. The ETSB strongly endorses the Region 13 Plan for the use of 700 MHz and requests the Commission to release an Order approving the document following its review of public comments.

Peoria County's first responders and the ETSB are actively planning to develop a new public safety voice communications system that will require 700 MHz spectrum. In anticipation of the need for 700 MHz spectrum to support the new system, the ETSB has actively participated in the planning process conducted over the past few years by Region 13. The ETSB believes that Region 13 has made every effort to comply with the requirements of the Commission relative to regional planning<sup>2</sup>.

On behalf of the citizens of Peoria County, we thank the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau for the action to release the document for public comment and look forward to the Commission's actions relative to the Region 13 Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

David Tuttle  
Chairman

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 CFR §90.527

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*